

REMARKS

1. In response to the final Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 28-56 were last presented for examination in this application. All claims were rejected in the outstanding Office Action. By the foregoing amendment, claims 28, 30-33, 35, 36, 38-40, 43-45, 47-50, and 52-56 have been amended. Claim 46 has been canceled. No claims have been added. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 28-45 and 47-56 will be pending in this application. Of these 28 claims, four (4) claims (claims 28, 47, 50, and 56) are independent. Based on the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be reconsidered, and that they be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

2. The Examiner has objected to claims 28, 31 and 56 for including various informalities. Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions thereby accommodating the objections. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

3. Independent claims 28, 47, 50 and 56 and dependent claims 29-34, 36-41, 43-46, 48-49 and 51-55 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,275,225 to Rangarajan *et al.* (hereinafter, "Rangarajan"). Additionally, dependent claims 35 and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rangarajan. Based upon the above Amendments and following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

4. Rangarajan is directed to allowing a user to customize a graphical user interface (GUI) for the user's needs. (*See*, Rangarajan, Abstract.) A GUI allows a user to interact with a computer by pointing at selectable control areas (SCAs) such as menus, a popups, a toolbars or other similar controls on the computer display to activate a command or computer operation associated with the SCA. When a computer application supports a large set of features, the number of associated SCAs becomes unwieldy, reducing a user's efficiency. (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 1, Ins. 12-31.) Essentially, Rangarajan expands to GUIs then-

conventional application "wizards" which lead a user through an interrogatory session to generate, for example, a document template. (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 1, lns. 32-62.) The embodiment described in Rangarajan is directed to a network management console application that displays network management information to a network administrator. The network administrator is generally one of a number of administrators each responsible for a portion of the entire network. Rangarajan's console application provides each network administrator with the capability to create configurations customized to the needs of the individual administrator. (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 4, ln. 50- col. 5, ln. 4.)

5. As noted, the Examiner asserts that Rangarajan teaches that which is recited in Applicant's claim 28. Claim 28, as amended, recites that each of the at least one data miner module referenced in the portal view profile is "configured to extract predetermined information from a predetermined entity in the networked computing environment ..." (*See*, amended claim 28, above.) In the wizard process 300 of Rangarajan, a "select first node" procedure 305 locates a starting interrogatory node selected by the user in the previously-loaded wizard data structure. "Once a node is selected, a "present node interrogatory" procedure 307 presents the node's interrogatory to the user. This interrogatory may include a representation of the problem domain to allow the user to select which aspects of the problem domain the user desires to access from the GUI. Within the problem domain of network administration such an interrogatory would allow a network administrator to specify a selected feature set that contains the network devices for which the network administrator is responsible. The interrogatory can include additional information such as (without limitation) a list of devices, a network topology map, or a selected fault list. In response to the interrogatory the user is provided with an appropriate mechanism to select one or more items from the information provided with the interrogatory." (*See*, Rangarajan, col. 6, lns. 22-36.) Thus, in contrast to providing data miner modules that are configured to extract predetermined information from a predetermined entity in the networked computing environment, Rangarajan requires the user to determine which entities (i.e., which nodes) and what information from such entities are to be displayed in Rangarajan's graphical user interface. For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully asserts that Rangarajan neither discloses, teaches, nor suggest Applicant's invention as recited in amended independent claim 28. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 28 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

7. Applicant's claim 47, as amended above, recites: "...providing a portal view profile associated with the identified network administrator, wherein said portal view profile references at least one of a plurality of data miner modules each configured to extract predetermined information from a predetermined network entity in a networked computing environment; generating management information specified by the network administrator and derived from the extracted predetermined information..." (See, Applicant's claim 47, above.) For at least the reasons noted above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Rangarajan neither discloses, teaches nor suggests Applicant's invention as recited in amended claim 47. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 47 be reconsidered and that it be withdrawn.

8. Applicant's claim 50, as amended above, recites: "at least one portal view profile each associated with and modifiable by a network administrator and comprising at least one reference to a data miner module configured to extract predetermined information from predetermined entities in the networked computing environment and to cause management information derived from the extracted information to be included in the portal view display." (See, Applicant's claim 50, above.) For at least the reasons noted above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Rangarajan neither discloses, teaches nor suggests Applicant's invention as recited in amended claim 50. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 50 be reconsidered and that it be withdrawn.

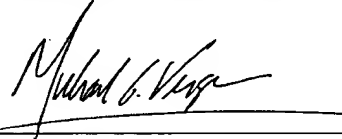
9. Applicant's claim 56, as amended above, recites: "at least one portal view profile means for displaying a portal view display of management information pertaining to one or more entities in a networked computing environment for an associated network administrator, comprising at least one reference to a data miner means for extracting predetermined information from predetermined entities in the networked computing environment, and to provide the extracted information to said portal view profile means for inclusion in the portal view display." (See, Applicant's claim 56, above.) For at least the reasons noted above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Rangarajan neither discloses, teaches nor suggests Applicant's invention as recited in amended claim 56. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 56 be reconsidered and that it be withdrawn.

10. The dependent claims incorporate all of the subject matter of their respective independent claims and add additional subject matter which makes them a fortiori and independently patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding rejections of the dependent claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

11. In view of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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